

The CASE of the Poor Sailors of the *Eng-
lish-Navy*, in Respect to their Hospital at
Greenwich; humble Offered to the Conside-
ration of the Honourable *House of Commons*.

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Notwithstanding the Ample Provision allow'd the Sailors by their Country in Parliament, they are the only People in *England* that can call nothing their own; they are not their own Men, being liable to be confin'd in a Floating, Wooden Goal, and when they are there, their Allowance is sharp'd from 'em, and undue Species given them in lieu of their Countries Allowance; without any legal Trial, as others of the Natives of this Kingdom have in Courts of Justice, they are Sentenced by a Discretionary Power, to the inhumane punishments of Whipping and Pickling &c. and after all their hardships at Sea, upon their Return to their Country, are many of 'em paid by the Navy Board with Q's and R's.

But to come home Wounded, and without Limbs, from the service, into sick Quarters, is a hardship born by none but the Sailors of *Eng-land*; In the beginning of the late War they much rejoic'd to hear that Mr. *Wasse* the Surgeon, Supervisor of the Sick and Wounded Seamen, had so far prevail'd with Her Majesty, that she had given her House at *Greenwich* for an Hospital for Sick and Wounded Seamen; But much more rejoiced were they when that Grant of Her Majesties was established by Act of Parliament, and care therein taken for the Building and Endowing the same, so that it became a National, as well as Royal Bounty.

Now the Case of the *English Sailors* being so hard at Sea, 'tis hop'd our Representatives will make their Case as easie as may be on Shoar, after they have been Ruined in the Service of their Country; and this Address had never been made to these honourable Members, if the Sailors had not thought themselves abused in their Charity.

One great Reason of their Suspicion in this point is, That after ten or twelve Years Establishment of that Hospital, no Men are taken in, tho' there be Room and Provision enough for them.

And their future fears of their being well used there, when taken in, are very just, considering the Commissioners have already appointed Officers in that Hospital that were never Employ'd in *Sea Service*, that have a natural Hatred to *Sailors*, and have no Right to such a Charity.

'Tis hop'd the Sailors ready Entrance on Board the Fleet at this Juncture, notwithstanding their former ill Usage in Pay and Victuals, and not having yet received their Register Money, will be an Argument to our Representatives, to Inquire into, and Redress the Abuse of *Greenwich Hospital*.

All which is humbly Submitted &c.

